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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace pages 12, 15, 20, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 36 with the following replacement pages. A marked-up copy showing the changes in the replacement pages as indicated above is attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 3, 6 and 9 as follows:

3.(AMENDED)

The computer color-matching apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

a colorimeter (A) is a multiangle colorimeter.